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Introduction

This year reinforced a belief we have long held: the Charleston region's greatest competitive advantage is our willingness to work together.

Businesses, educators, public-sector leaders, and community partners each play a vital role in shaping the future. At CRDA, we are proud to bring these partners together, amplify the outcomes we can achieve through collaboration, and advance strategies that strengthen our enduring competitiveness.

Across the tri-county region, FY25-26 was also defined by momentum. Businesses continued to grow, talent continued to find professional pathways here, and new ideas continued to spark and take shape. CRDA's focus has remained steadfast on helping sustain that momentum and position our region for long-term economic success and opportunity for all.

In the pages ahead, we are pleased to highlight the wins we have shared this year, the tangible results our region has achieved together, and the initiatives CRDA has been honored to lead in support of the Lowcountry's continued success and quality of life.

None of this would be possible without the dedicated investors, partners, and community leaders who believe in this work. Those who invest their time, leadership, or resources in the mission of CRDA invest in the success of Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester counties for years and decades to come. To the many allies we are honored to work alongside, thank you for your confidence in CRDA and your commitment to the region.

As we look ahead, we remain focused on what matters most: ensuring the tri-county region continues to compete, innovate, and grow in ways that create lasting opportunity for businesses and residents alike. The momentum we experienced this year is encouraging, but sustaining it will require continued collaboration, strategic investment, and an aligned vision for the future. We are excited to see what more we can accomplish together in the year ahead.



David Ginn
President and CEO
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Who is CRDA?

The Charleston Regional Development Alliance (CRDA) serves as a catalyst for long-term economic prosperity across Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester counties by attracting the world's best companies, talent, and entrepreneurs.

CRDA is a team of economic development professionals working alongside public- and private-sector partners to position the Charleston region for long-term success. From confidential site selection assistance and business recruitment to workforce initiatives, market intelligence, and strategic partnerships, we serve as a single point of contact for companies exploring relocation or expansion.

For businesses evaluating the Charleston region, CRDA provides confidential, no-cost support throughout the site selection process. By connecting companies with regional and state partners, delivering timely market intelligence, and coordinating local resources, we help business leaders make informed decisions while reducing complexity and accelerating project success.





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Together, we **transform.**

Measuring Momentum

North Augusta

FY 2025-2026 Project Wins

\$265,675,122 ANNUAL IMPACT

\$15.57M NEW PAYROLL

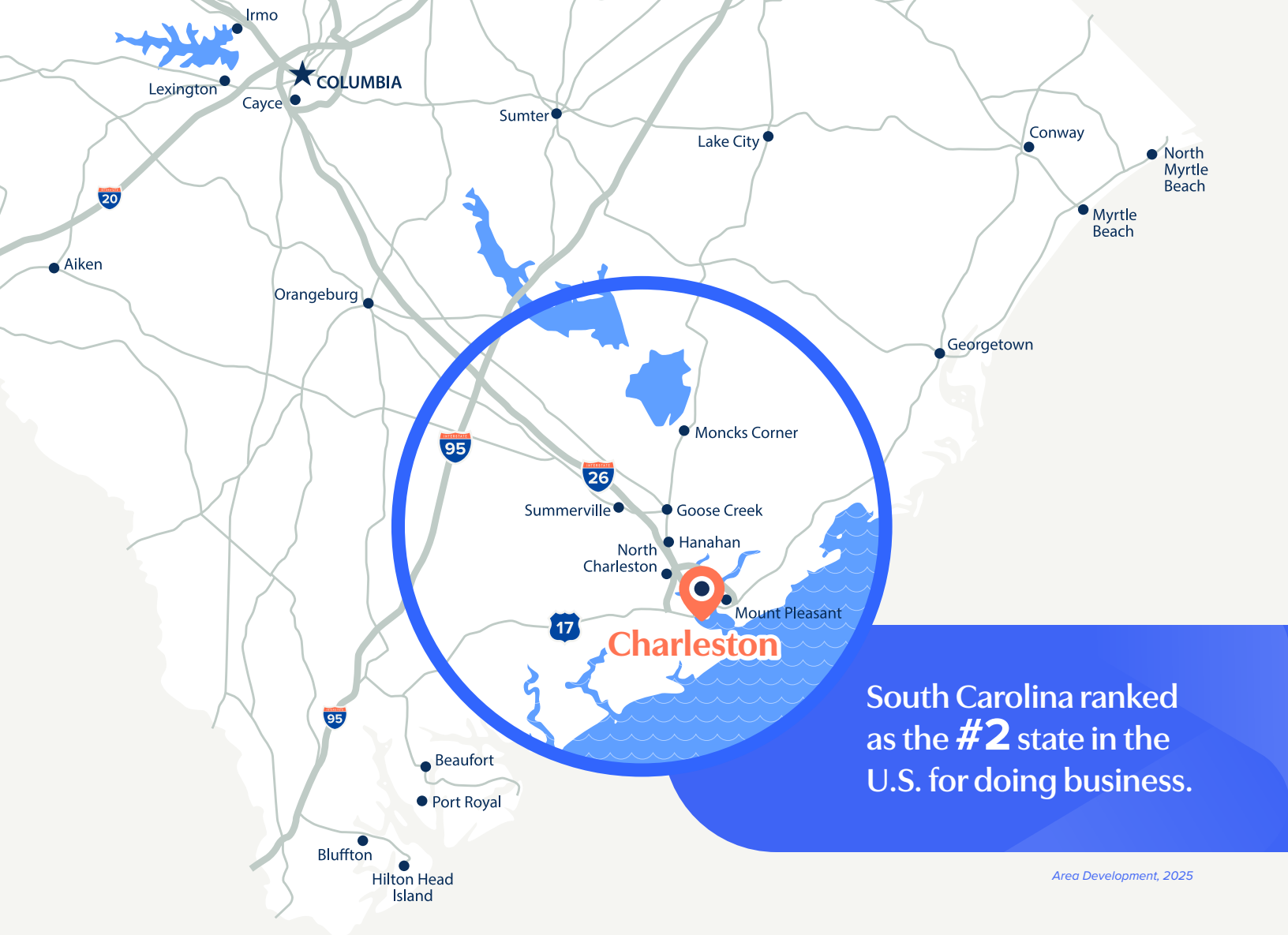
\$30.06 AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE

249 DIRECT NEW JOBS

7 ANNOUNCED PROJECTS



New higher-paying jobs generate income that circulates through the regional economy, supporting local businesses, tax revenues, and quality of life.



Regional Insights

10-Year Tax Base (2015-2025)

89% GROWTH

\$8.5B TOTAL TAX

51% GROWTH ACROSS
THE REST OF SC

Source: SC Department of Revenue

Private Sector Wages (2015-2025)

104% GROWTH

\$22.4B TOTAL WAGES

67% US GROWTH

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics

Gross Regional Product (2015-2025)

103% GROWTH

\$71B TOTAL GRP

60% US GROWTH

Source: US Bureau of Economic Analysis



Global Business Development

As the Charleston region competes for investment globally, CRDA works to keep the Lowcountry visible and ready to welcome new industry. Through a targeted global business development strategy spanning multiple continents, CRDA promotes the Charleston region to companies and decision-makers around the globe.

The Global Story

Over the past year, CRDA's Global Business Development team maintained a strong and consistent presence in priority domestic and international markets. Across 17 domestic and international mission trips, CRDA promoted the Charleston region's expanding business climate in areas such as Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and the broader U.S. and Southeast markets.

WHERE WE ENGAGED

1. Targeted missions
2. Consultant forums
3. Industry conferences
4. Strategic partner events

Bolstered by tailored marketing campaigns, CRDA emphasized priority sectors including aerospace, advanced manufacturing, automotive, defense, life sciences, and corporate services/headquarters. The Global Business Development team showcased our market as a globally competitive destination, deepened relationships with key decision-makers, and supported long-term project development for the region.

The response was energetic, with more than 130 new leads generated, building upon an already strong outlook for the region's future economic success.

17 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MISSIONS

130 RFI'S SUBMITTED

Europe, Asia-Pacific, the Middle East, the Southeast, and the broader U.S. market. Core travel areas included Germany, the United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Dubai, Turkey, and South Carolina



Driving Life Sciences Investment

As one of CRDA's core industry sectors, life sciences is a strategic priority for regional recruitment and investment. At the BIO International Convention, CRDA joined SCbio and the South Carolina Department of Commerce to promote the Charleston region's collaborative life sciences ecosystem, research assets, talent pipeline, and business advantages while meeting with biotechnology, pharmaceutical, medical device, and contract manufacturing companies exploring expansion opportunities. These efforts strengthen the region's position as a premier destination for life sciences innovation, manufacturing, and commercialization.

Designed for Discovery

As momentum builds and the Charleston region continues to gain national and international attention, CRDA underwent a strategic brand refresh—inclusive of a new visual identity, AI-searchable website, interactive data tools, and more—to elevate and sharpen Charleston's value proposition, more effectively communicating to the world that the region is a leading innovation hub and collaborative business destination worth exploring.



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Insights Into Action



CRDA's Research & Business Intelligence team supports economic development efforts with timely, customized data and analysis for a wide range of stakeholders. Within FY25-26, the CRDA team responded to nearly **500 requests** for data, covering everything from workforce data and industry trends to economic impact and site selection criteria. Reliable data provided by CRDA, both in response to specific inquiries and through the distribution of regional benchmark reports, drives business recruitment, informs strategic decision-making, and strengthens the region's overall competitiveness.

Compensation and Benefits Survey

In partnership with the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, CRDA led the research and analysis for the 2025 Charleston Metro Area Compensation & Benefits Practices Survey. The final biennial report provided employers with clear insight into compensation trends and workforce practices across the market to help attract talent and retain our existing workforce.



Internal Lead Generation

CRDA's new internal lead generation framework is helping maximize our resources and improve intelligence surrounding potential industry targets. Complementing our vetted external lead generation firms in traditional markets, this new framework boosts our approach in three ways:



Better Research

Using advanced in-house data tools to identify high-potential global and domestic leads.



Stronger Partnerships

Increased hosting and networking opportunities with governmental, trade, and site consultant partners to expand our reach and keep the Charleston region top of mind with decision-makers.



Expanded Focus

For our next chapter, our focus will expand to include rapidly growing sectors and targets that align with the skills and resources of our market, such as corporate headquarters and high-value defense sub-sectors.

Innovation Scorecard

Communities that prioritize innovation are better positioned to compete, attract investment, and create long-term economic opportunity. As the Charleston region continues to advance its Innovation Strategy, CRDA developed the Innovation Scorecard to provide a consistent, data-driven framework for measuring our region's progress over time. The 2026 Scorecard builds on the inaugural 2025 report, helping regional leaders track momentum, identify emerging trends, and focus on opportunities that will strengthen Charleston's long-term competitiveness.





Strategic Partnerships

Meaningful partnerships are the foundation of CRDA's work, and our success is only possible thanks to the organizations we serve and collaborate with. By working alongside universities, economic development organizations, industry leaders, and civic partners, we align shared priorities to make the Charleston region a premier destination for business and investment.

Charleston Workforce Housing Fund

Finding affordable housing is difficult for workers across America, and Charleston is no exception. Driven by CRDA's Economic Leadership Council, our region is responding to this competitiveness issue with an actionable solution.

Modeled after a successful initiative in Charlotte, the Charleston Workforce Housing Fund secures and preserves existing multifamily housing located near regional employers.

Our goal is to help talented people build lasting careers and lives in the Charleston region.

With the support of generous local investors, the Fund has raised **\$40 million** in its inaugural year, and completed two acquisitions: West Wind Apartments in Charleston County and

Waverly Place in Dorchester County, where 20-year deed restrictions will ensure lasting affordability.

\$40M RAISED

500 UNITS ACQUIRED

20% RENTAL RATES BELOW MARKET

1,000 TOTAL UNITS TARGETED



An Ecosystem of Innovation

Innovation doesn't happen in isolation. It grows through collaboration among entrepreneurs, investors, research institutions, businesses, and community leaders. CRDA works to strengthen these connections by convening the region's innovation ecosystem, fostering strategic relationships, and elevating Charleston's strengths to audiences that can help accelerate investment and opportunity.



MUSC VC Investor Summit

In April, CRDA co-sponsored the MUSC VC Investor Summit alongside SCRA and the SC Department of Commerce, bringing 30 venture capital investors representing \$10 billion in investable capital to Charleston, where they explored our growing innovation ecosystem, research institutions, entrepreneurial community, and the region's broader economic opportunities.



Charleston Tech Week and DIG SOUTH

During Charleston Tech Week, CRDA brought regional leaders together for an innovation ecosystem panel exploring the partnerships and investments shaping the area's tech sector. Hosted as part of the DIG SOUTH Tech Summit and the Palmetto Tech Showcase, the conversation drew entrepreneurs, investors, and innovators from across Charleston.



Venture Forward: Building the Region's Entrepreneurship & VC Ecosystem

ACG Charleston (Association for Corporate Growth) is a professional organization with a primary mission to drive dealmaking and business growth in the tri-county region. In October, CRDA was proud to partner with ACG Charleston and co-host what became the organization's most successful event of the year, convening more than 60 founders, investors, business leaders, and ecosystem partners.

Talent & Workforce

When talent chooses to build a career and life here in Charleston, our community grows stronger. This year, CRDA continued to initiate programs that link local employers with skilled talent while also attracting new professionals to our area.

Charleston Intern Network

This free initiative was created to help college-level interns position themselves for career success in the Lowcountry through connections with regional employers, professional peer networking, and skill-building workshops. In the summer of 2026, nearly 200 interns (representing 65 different regional employers) participated in a series of diverse events. Not only do participating interns find value in the series, but their employers also report that the program enhances the overall internship experience they can provide each summer.

"Participating in the Charleston Intern Network initiative as an intern allowed me to learn about different opportunities in a place I only thought was going to be a temporary home. Through my internship at Boeing, a participant and supporter of the Charleston Intern Network, I was able to attend events that revealed the endless career, growth, and friendship possibilities in Charleston. The people I met and the opportunities I learned about helped turn what I thought would be temporary into a longterm career, and I'm grateful to now work here full time at Boeing."

— MARIA ZAKHEM, Electrical/Production Test Engineer, Boeing SC



Operation LAUNCH

Operation LAUNCH is a regional partnership between CCSD, Trident Technical College, CRDA, and the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, helping area high school students explore post-graduation career opportunities in advanced manufacturing. Through hands-on learning, employer engagement, and workforce readiness training, **10 high school seniors from Charleston County School District** completed the pilot program this year, earning a certificate and a guaranteed interview with our employer partners: Boeing SC, Mercedes-Benz Vans, and HII Newport News Shipbuilding.



RESULTS

-  **1** STUDENT STARTED AN APPRENTICESHIP AT MERCEDES-BENZ VANS
-  **2** STUDENTS WILL JOIN MERCEDES-BENZ VANS FOR INTERNSHIPS THIS YEAR
-  **2** STUDENTS ACCEPTED INTERNSHIPS WITH BOEING SOUTH CAROLINA
-  **3** STUDENTS QUEUED FOR TRADES-TRAINING AT HII NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING

(Additional students have identified similar career opportunities to pursue upon turning 18.)

The program plans to expand to additional school districts and industries in the coming year.

CharlestonCareers.org

CharlestonCareers.org is CRDA's free job board that connects job seekers with regional career opportunities and employers. With more than 200 vetted local employers, it is a trusted recruitment tool for employers and a valuable resource for individuals exploring long-term careers. 5,857 qualified applicants were connected with regional employers, representing **\$234,280 in hiring pipeline value.***

**Based on estimations from the GETRO ROI Calculator.*

A YEAR OF TALENT CONNECTIONS

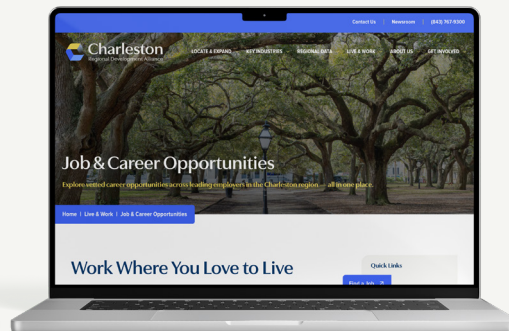
227,212 PAGE VISITS

53,210 JOB CLICKS

5,857 QUALIFIED APPLICANTS SENT TO EMPLOYERS

WalletHub recently ranked Charleston the **#6** Best City in America to Start a Career.

(WalletHub, 2026)



Engagement

Engaging with our investors and regional partners is essential to advancing the Charleston region's long-term competitiveness. Throughout the year, CRDA created opportunities for business and civic leaders to connect, exchange ideas, and explore the issues shaping our region's future. By providing meaningful experiences and fostering informed conversations, we strengthen the partnerships that drive economic success.



CRDA Leadership Summit

In March, CRDA hosted more than 50 top regional business and civic leaders for its inaugural Leadership Summit at Kiawah Island Club. These pacesetters aligned around key focus areas for CRDA's next phase of growth and identified three top priorities: Regional Coordination, Workforce & Talent, and Innovation & Economic Diversification.

With an emphasis on increased storytelling and visibility, data-driven advocacy, targeted collaborations, and investor engagement, CRDA leaders are planning for the future.



Rising Leaders Program

For three years, CRDA's Rising Leaders Program has brought together roughly 45 regional leaders, each nominated by a current board member, to help deepen their understanding of regional economic development and strengthen connections within CRDA's broad network.

This year's programming leaned into experiential learning, offering behind-the-scenes tours of the SC Ports Authority's Wando Welch Terminal, the Boeing SC assembly facility, and Blue Sky Labs, along with a candid discussion on statewide economic development with Ashely Teasdel, Deputy Secretary of the SC Department of Commerce.

Fueling Our Work

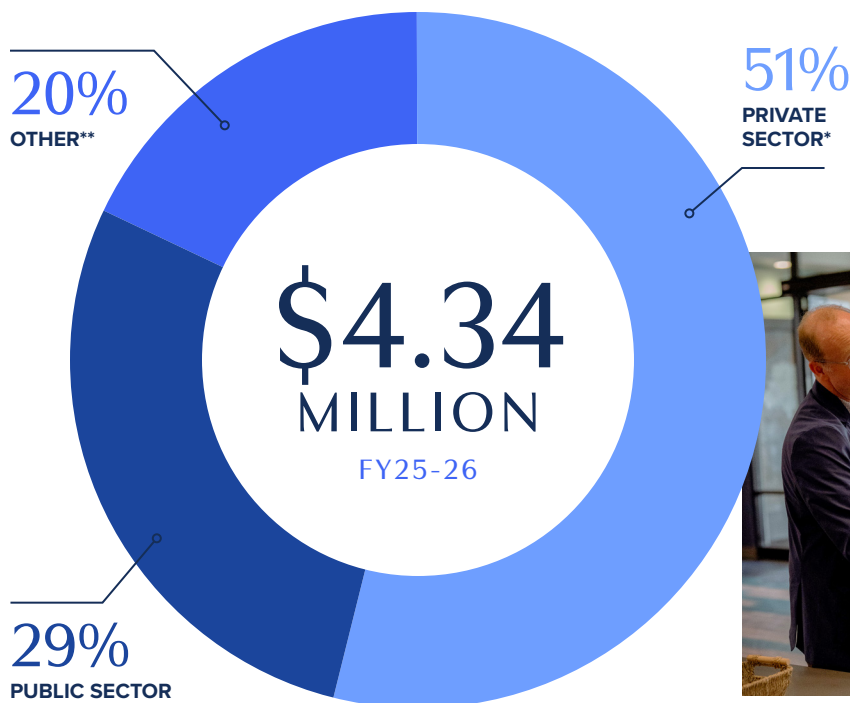
The positive economic impact CRDA brings to the region and its residents is made possible by the high-powered collective of business and institutional leaders who support our mission and actively collaborate in shaping a prosperous, globally competitive region for decades to come.



96% INVESTOR
RETENTION RATE

23 INDUSTRIES
REPRESENTED

FY25-26 Revenue



* Includes funds received through The Catalyst Foundation.

** Special grants, program revenue, miscellaneous

Our Story in the Year Ahead



Market Globally

The Charleston region competes on the global stage. CRDA will continue expanding the region's visibility through targeted business attraction, strategic marketing, and relationship-building that positions Charleston as a premier destination for business investment and for talent to thrive. We will:

- ✓ Prioritize high-impact industry clusters and supply chains.
- ✓ Increase the focus on corporate services/HQ relocations and defense companies.
- ✓ Leverage new in-house business intelligence tools to identify, qualify, and pursue targeted leads.
- ✓ Promote Charleston's competitive advantages through targeted marketing campaigns and strategic storytelling.



Cultivate Talent

Talent remains one of the biggest factors influencing where businesses choose to locate and expand. CRDA will continue its strategic work to attract, retain, and develop the workforce the region needs to stay competitive. We will:

- ✓ Increase awareness of career opportunities within target industries.
- ✓ Elevate and expand talent retention initiatives.
- ✓ Strengthen partnerships with educational institutions, employers, military transition programs, and workforce organizations.
- ✓ Leverage research and data tools to inform talent attraction strategies.
- ✓ Support initiatives that enhance the region's long-term livability and workforce competitiveness.



Convene & Collaborate

The Charleston region's greatest opportunities and its most complex challenges require collaboration. CRDA will continue bringing together business, civic, education, and community leaders to strengthen regional partnerships, align priorities, and advance solutions that support the region's long-term competitiveness and quality of life. We will:

- ✔ Support regional efforts to address housing availability and affordability.
- ✔ Advance conversations on infrastructure and community investments needed to accommodate growth.
- ✔ Champion strategies that strengthen regional resilience and long-term competitiveness.
- ✔ Engage regional stakeholders to align economic development priorities.



Advance Innovation

Innovation drives economic resilience, productivity, and long-term prosperity. Building on the Charleston Region Innovation Strategy, CRDA will continue fostering collaboration among entrepreneurs, researchers, established industries, and community partners. We will:

- ✔ Support the region's innovation ecosystem and centers of excellence.
- ✔ Catalyze continued implementation of the Charleston Region Innovation Strategy.
- ✔ Broadly distribute the Innovation Scorecard to measure progress and guide priorities.
- ✔ Cultivate collaboration among industry, higher education, entrepreneurs, and community partners.
- ✔ Elevate the region's innovation economy through strategic communications and thought leadership.

Leadership

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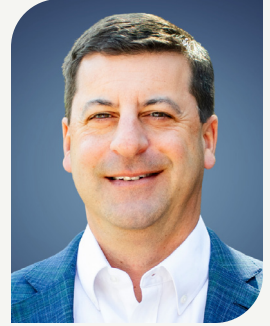
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FY25-26 Economic Leadership Council

Representing nearly 15% of the regional workforce, this high-powered collective of business and institutional leaders collaborate to bolster the global competitiveness of the region.



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